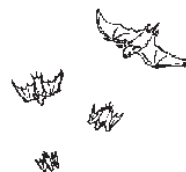


# Carlsbad Caverns

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## Celebrate Bats at the 43rd Annual Bat Flight Breakfast Carlsbad Caverns National Park August 10, 2000 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.



### Continuing the tradition

The annual Bat Flight Breakfast at Carlsbad Caverns started in the late 1950s when a few park employees wanted to encourage visitors to witness the spectacular morning return flight of the Mexican free-tailed bats. Four decades have passed and the Bat Flight Breakfast is now a park tradition, occurring the second Thursday of every August. The breakfast has grown over the years, and now attracts 300-500 spectators. Come celebrate the bats and eat a delicious breakfast prepared by Park Rangers and other park employees!

Note: Reservations are not accepted. For more information call (505)785-2232 or log on to our website at [www.nps.gov/cave](http://www.nps.gov/cave).

### What to expect

Rangers will not only be cooking for you, they will also be available to provide interpretive information during the return flight. The breakfast begins at 5:00 a.m. near the cave entrance. Please park in the upper parking lot by the visitor center and walk to the bat flight amphitheater. The lower parking lot is available only for our visitors who use wheelchairs or have other mobility impairments. We recently closed this lot because scientists have found that pollutants from that lower parking lot are traveling into the cave.

The breakfast costs \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for age 12 and under. You get scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, rolls, and orange juice, milk, or coffee.

### Adopt-A-Bat

In May 1993 the park launched the Adopt-A-Bat program to raise funds for bat educational programs and research. For \$5.00 new bat parents receive an official certificate of adoption, educational information, a bumper sticker, and a photograph of their bat. This program is a great opportunity for you to support bats and also makes a meaningful gift.

To adopt a bat while visiting the park, inquire in THE CAVERN BOOKSTORE or send \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling to:

Adopt-A-Bat  
P.O. Box 1417  
Carlsbad, NM 88221